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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CONSTRUCTION OF AMMONIA AND MINERAL
FERTILIZER PLANTS

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1. US RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN
DEVELOPED. AS DEPTOFF INFORMED SOVEMB SCIENTIFIC
COUNSELOR BELOV JULY 3, THIS EXCHANGE WILL REQUIRE
CONSIDERABLE TIME TO DEVELOP SINCE ON THE US SIDE IT
INVOLVES NO USG AGENCY PARTICIPATION, BUT RATHER THAT OF
SEVERAL US FIRMS.

2. FIRST CRUCIAL STEP IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN
COMPLETED SINCE NO US FIRM HAS YET ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR BOTH ORGANIZING PROGRAM FOR VISITING SOVDEL AND
LEADING RETURN DELEGATION TO USSR. OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN
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SLOWED BY ABSENCE, DURING VACATION PERIOD, OF KEY

PERSONNEL BOTH IN USG AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

3. DELAY SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS EVIDENCE OF US RELUCTANCE
TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE. HOWEVER IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE
CAN RESPOND TO SOVIET PROPOSAL BEFORE OCTOBER AND WE VIEW
1974 TARGET DATE FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITS AS REALISTIC. ROGERS

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